

DEATH OF PETER COOPER.

HIS SICKNESS ONLY THREE DAYS IN LENGTH—

REVIEW OF HIS LIFE.
 Peter Cooper died yesterday morning soon after 3 o'clock at his home, No. 9 Lexington-avenue. He had been ill three days with pneumonia. His children, ex-Mayor Cooper and Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt, were at his bedside, and after conversing with them until within half an hour of his death, and retaining his consciousness almost to the last, he died peacefully. Marks of respect to his memory were displayed on public

buildings, the Supreme Court, Part II., was adjourned and several bodies, including both

houses of the Legislature, adopted resolutions in his honor. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a. m., at All Souls' Church.

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HIS SICKNESS AND LAST HOURS.

The announcement of Peter Cooper's death posted upon the bulletin boards of the newspaper offices, confronted business men and laborers, as they went to their places of occupation and to all came with

a shock of sad surprise. Few persons beyond the circle of his family knew of his sickness until after his death, for the first public information concerning it was given by THE TRIBUNE and other morning papers. These, though printed before he died, reached

papers. These, though printed before, did not reach the eyes of their readers until after the venerable philanthropist was dead. The disease which caused his death was pneumonia, to which so many eminent men have fallen victims this year, and

Mr. Cooper contracted a cold on last Saturday, when he went, according to his custom, to look after the interests of his great philanthropic work

at the institution that bears his name. At first no more apprehension was felt than was natural in view of his great age, for in the course of the winter he had repeatedly

overtaxing of his strength usually resulted in an attack of sickness, which, however, had always heretofore yielded readily to medical treatment. He was naturally free from organic disease, and in

About six years ago, and again three years ago,

Dr. Cooper was brought low by diarrhoeal trouble, and several times before and since then bronchitis attacked him, but in every instance he rallied with surprising quickness, exhibiting a recuperative energy of which his physician, Dr. J.

J. Hull has always spoken with admiration. The cold which first showed itself on last Saturday did not develop any alarming symptoms until the next day, and it was not till then that Dr. Hull was summoned. Even then no

When that Dr. Hunt was summoned. Even then no apprehension was felt, though it was deemed wise to summon also in consultation Dr. Rufus P. Lincoln, who has made lung diseases a special study. The first apprehension that the sickness might re-

ult fatally was felt on Monday night, when pneumonia being plainly developed, and congestion of the lungs having shown itself, the great danger which these facts implied to one so far advanced in life, was admitted by the physicians, and Mr. and

Mrs. Hewitt, Ex-Mayor Edward Cooper was in Albany on business and he was telegraphed for. Dr. Hull remained with his patient all night, and himself administered medical treatment; neverthe-

ess the disease became more extended and the fever increased until the patient was prostrated. He began Tuesday very much weaker than he was on Monday morning. The fever became more consuming, the action of the lungs more oppressive.

Ex-Mayor Cooper returned from Albany, and with Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt and their family, and Dr. Hall watched at the bedside during Tuesday

night. About 1 o'clock there came a very sudden and decided change for the worse. Breathing became more difficult, the prostration more general and complete, and the ability to take nourishment ceased. Mr. Cooper's voice, too, began to fail him and there was no longer any doubt that

Mr. Cooper had realized the possibility of his death from the first serious symptoms of his sickness, but he did not disturb his composure in the least. He maintained a desire to live, because

took several times of a desire to live, because his great benevolent work was so much to live for, but he was uncomplaining. He talked a great deal, in fact nearly all the time, except when exhaustion obliged him to cease. He spoke chiefly to his children about the interests of Cooper Institute, and

that institution should be faithfully carried out. About 11 o'clock, before the final release came, he calmly admitted that he expected to die, and from that time on he bravely and peacefully waited for the end. His mind was never

louded for an instant, and he continued giving messages to his children until he could no longer whisper. This was up to within half an hour of his death. Consciousness remained with him until nearly 3 o'clock, and about three minutes after that hour he died.

At the request of Mr. Cooper's family Dr. Hull has prepared the following statement: "Mr. Cooper contracted a cold on Saturday which resulted in pneumonia when he visited the Cooper institute. He had been troubled with sore throat for some weeks previous, but was otherwise in

air health. On Sunday afternoon, a thorough examination of his chest revealed a very slight circumscribed pneumonia in the lower portion of the left lung, attended with only little constitutional disturbance. He passed a comfortable night, and remained almost entirely free from fever.

Monday evening. Then his symptoms became more marked, with a decided rise of temperature and a telegram was sent to ex-Mayor Cooper at Albany, apprising him of his father's condition. I remained with him on Monday night. Towards morning he became much

weaker, owing to his inability to retain nourishment, but although during the entire day of Tuesday he retained all the food and remedies administered, the disease extended, accompanied by constantly increasing fever. Early on Tuesday evening he rallied somewhat, but only for a short time.

after which he became very much worse, growing rapidly weaker, until Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock, when he peacefully died.

The pall-bearers will be Hamilton Fish, Cyrus W. Field, Jackson S. Schultz, A. A. Low, William H. Appleton, Judge C. P. Daly, General Alexander S. Webb, John T. Ames, John E. Parsons, H. L. Pier-

SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

to give away their fortunes in the interests of mankind have been varied. Many, suddenly successful in the accumulation of wealth, found themselves unable to put it to personal uses. Others were im-

elled by desire for the distinction or good-will which comes to men through deeds of public charity. But a majority of those who have founded colleges, endowed charities, or left fortunes for public institutions did so in their wills. Their lives were

devoted to the accumulation of money and to the enjoyment of the luxuries which it placed within their reach; from thousands they advanced to millions, until their fortunes became colossal. With-

ut children, perhaps, or with aged wives not used
to the cares of business, or believing their children
should begin life as their father did, they
bestowed the hoarded-up wealth of a long life
to advance the public weal, and men some-

ines[said of such philanthropists: "They gave away their money that it might build their monuments." Peter Cooper, philanthropist in the truest sense of the word, differed from these millionaires, however, in one way, from the beginning. His

He was a lover of man from the beginning. His chief object in acquiring a fortune was that he might use it for the benefit of his race. He founded his great charity long before he died, and gave his latter years to its enlargement and perfection.

The scenes of this long, active and noble life began and ended in New-York. Nearly all the intervening years found Mr. Cooper's home here; and, though
